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state and county boards of mental health. So, I would move the adoption of that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: A question of Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh is it correct that request number 2703 is a combined agreed upon proposal that has no serious objections in which reflects the opinion of the public health committee and the proponents of the bill.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Do you feel that this proposal, as you have it outlined here at this time, and I'm sure that no one wants to go through it section by section, but can you explain it briefly and in a matter of a few minutes...

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I can explain the changes that we have incorporated here since we were on General File. I'll do that once we get back to the original amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That would be fine.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President, fellow members. I would like to certainly support Senator Cavanaugh's change of dates. This bill has been worked on with the Attorney General's office staff people and with the judges on their decision in Omaha. These amendments have all been incorporated, they have been reviewed a number of times and as Senator Cavanaugh's amendment is coming now here to give it an operative date as soon as possible is important, so I would hope that this body does accept Senator Cavanaugh's amendment here and also the revised copy has been put together. There has been a lot of work done on this and I am quite sure that the judges in Omaha, the Attorney General's office and everyone has agreed that these amendments will do what we should have for the mental health commitment law this year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, do you want to close on your amendment? Alright, the question is the adoption of Senator Cavanaugh's amendment to Senator Lewis's amendment record your vote. Please vote. This requires 25 votes. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment carries. Any further amendments to Senator Lewis's amendment? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I move the adoption of the amendments as offered in the white copy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh do you wish to be heard on this matter?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. By way of explanation, the basic substance of these amendments